

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

XXXX

2nd September 2010

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/08/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 05/08/2010. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. What number of dogs have been seized by your police force between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10 under section 1 of Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?
2. What number of dogs have been seized by your police force between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10 under section 3 of Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?
3. What number of dogs have been seized by your police force between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10 as being used in a crime?
4. How many dogs held by your police force have died or been destroyed as a result of unknown cause, illness or behavioural issues while in your care (if known please give details) between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10?
5. What is the total cost covered by your police force, for kennelling, vet treatment, legal bills and any other associated costs for holding seized dogs under the DDA between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10?
6. How many dogs have been left at home under any leave at home policy between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10?
7. What number of dogs held under any legislation, have been stolen or escaped while in the care of your police force each between 1/1/10 and 1/6/10?
8. If applicable, how many of the dogs in question 7 were located and returned into the care of your police force?

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

1. 46
2. 18
3. 20
4. 2 – destroyed in kennels due to behavioural issues.
5. £98,659.10 – this relates to the costs of kennelling, vets, transport and other associated costs. Greater Manchester Police does not hold information relating to legal costs.
6. 0
7. 0
8. N/A

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Officer

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Information Governance Manager
Greater Manchester Police
Police Headquarters
Chester House
Boyer Street
Manchester
M16 0RE

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700